The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the Country Journal, July 6.

SOme Accounts have been published since our last, asserting that the Affairs of Soissons have been misrepresented, and set in a worse Light than they really are. What Foundation there may be for this agreeable News we know not, tho' it is certain that nothing material hath been yet done; but several of our Merchants seem very uneasy at his Catholick Majesty's late Edict, obliging all Ships from the North to perform a Quarentaine of 20 Days, which, under a Pretence of guarding against the Plague, looks too much like a Prohibition of our Trade, at least such a Discouragement, as amounts almost to a Prohibition; since few Persons will care to trade to those Parts under such Disadvantages. 'Tis very remarkable in this Edict, that the French and Portugueſe are excepted, and allowed to enter all the Spanish Ports with Certificates of Health, which we of the North are not, tho' we seem to lie more out of the way of the Plague than the French and Portugueſe, who have several Ports in the Mediterranean.

'Tis written from Italy, That Cardinal Alberoni is embarked at Genoa for Spain, which occasions many disagreeable Conjectures. And some of our News papers this Week take notice, That there hath lately been a Misunderstanding between the Governour of Gibraltar and the Commander of the Spanish Troops, which proceeded so far as that the English fired some shot at the Spaniards; whereof we have not yet received any Confirmation: Tho' some Persons are ready enough to suggest, from all these Particulars, That they do not seem consistent with that pacifick Disposition which his Catholick Majesty hath expressed by his Plenipotentiaries at the Congress.

From the Post Boy, July 6.

Cadix, June 22. We have received Advice by a Ship which is arrived here from Gibraltar, That the Moors have broke with the English, and that they alledge, in Justification thereof, that the Peace with the English ceased upon the Death of their late Sovereign.

Madrid, June 22. According to Advices from Tariffa, the Spanish Troops posted in the Intrenchments between the Mountains about Gibraltar, to hinder the English Garison from carrying Contraband Goods up into the Country, have been considerably augmented.

Paris, July 5. On Sunday last the Queen went out for the last Time before she lies in. The King designs to nominate an Ambassador to go and congratulate King Muley Abdemelech upon his Accession to the Throne of Morocco.

From the Flying Post, July 6.

Petersburg, June 10. The four Men of War built here for the King of Spain, are ready to put to Sea for Cadix, with a great many Iron Cannon and Bullets cast in the Foundary of Olonitz.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 6.

Rome, June 16. The General of the Cordeliers, who is charged with the Affairs of his Portugueſe Majesty, till an Accommodation of the Differences with the Holy See is brought about, has ordered to be made here, for a Brotherhood at Lisbon, a Gold Crucifix, the Head whereof is set with Diamonds, as also the Fingers, Nails, and the Feet adorned with precious Stones.

Copenhagen, July 3. Yesterday came Advice, That the King and Queen, with the Princess Charlotta Amalia, passed the Great Belt last Thursday, and arrived at Nybourg.

Paris, July 5. 'Tis said the King will endeavour to make an Accommodation for Prince Ragotski with the Emperor.

London, July 6. Letters from Wales tell us, That during the late Flood in the River Dee, a Fisherman got into his Corricle a Sort of British Canoe, with a Design to cross the River between Eyton and Holt, but his Wife apprehending his Voyage was

to the next Alehouſe, purſued him with ſuch violent Haſte, that he came as he was putting off from the Bank, and got hold of the Corricle; and by their ſtruggling the ſame was overſet, and both of them, together with their Child were drowned.

'Tis written from Nantclyn near Denbigh, that there is a Cat 140 Years old; ſeveral Perſons now living remember her above 60 Years; and the Owner, Mr. William Lloyd of Pennant; can himſelf remember her for about 50. The Account given of her by him and his Family is, that ſhe was rear'd by his Grand Mother when a Child about 5 Years old, who was born the 35th Year of Queen Eliſabeth.

Letters from Paſſage, by the laſt French Mail, brought Advice, That the Spaniards, after plundering and pilfering, had at laſt put Captain Samuel Cornock into Poſſeſſion of his Ship the *Braxton Galley*, which we mentioned ſome Time paſt to be taken the 5th of April laſt, in her Voyage from London for Virginia, by the *San Franciſco Xavier*, from la Vera Cruz, and carried into Port Paſſage.

The ſaid *Braxton Galley* was refitting and victualling, in order to proceed in her Voyage for Virginia.

On Wedneſday Night the Corpſe of the famous Mris. Anne Fenwick, who kept the Britiſh Coffee-houſe near Charing Croſs, was interr'd at St. Martins in the Fields; the Body was dreſſed in a Suit of richly laced Linen: On one of her Fingers a new Gold Ring, with a remarkable Poſie engraved thereon, and a Parcel of Letters which ſhe had received from her Son, placed under one of her Arms, all in Purſuance of her laſt Will and Teſtament.

From the London Evening-Poſt. July 6.

Naples, June 5. The laſt Letters from Florence import, That Mr. Coleman, Reſident of Great Britain, ſet out from thence Poſt on the 16th to go to Rome, where 'tis ſaid he has important Affairs to negociate, and that the Abbot Franchini, Envoy of the Great Duke of Tuſcany at the Court of the moſt Chriſtian King, was appointed that Prince's Plenipotentiary Miniſter at the Congreſs of Soiſſons.

Madrid, June 22. The Court has ſent Orders to St. Sebaſtians, to deliver to the Proprietors the Merchandize and Money that came lately from Vera Cruz to Port Paſſage, on Payment of the ſame Indulto that was laid on the Effects of the Flotilla at Cadix. 'Tis ſaid his Majeſty asks of the Proprietors a Loan of 200,000 Pieces of Eight. They write from Cadiz, That Rear Admiral Grave arrived there the 4th of this Month, with his Squadron of eight Dutch Men of War.

Paris, July 5. We hear from Soiſſons, That the Negociations being in ſome Manner ſuſpended, moſt of the Plenipotentiaries have taken Country Houſes near Soiſſons to enjoy the Pleaſures of the Summer Seaſon, when their Preſence is not requiſite at the Congreſs. We have had no News of Cardinal Alberoni, ſince a Letter from Genoa ſaid he was embarked there for Alicant.

London, July 6. We hear that the Men of Proſe, *viz. Horne, Horneck, Woolſton, &c. &c. &c.* ſatiriſed in the *Dunciad*, have in Imitation of the Poets, reſolved to ſend *Plenipo's* to the *Poetical* Congreſs: Some Folks ſcruple not to ſay, That the Ghoſts of dead Authors, ſuch as *Newcaſtle, Ogilvie, Withers, Oldon, &c, &c. &c.* will appear there to vindicate their Fame; 'tis reported that the ſaid *Congreſs* will be held at an Houſe on the Water Side, between *Charingcroſs* and Twickenham, not only for ſpeedy Intelligence to the contending Powers who reſide at thoſe Places, but alſo that the *Plenipo's* may paſs and repaſs in Safety *per Boats*; ſome good natur'd *Pamphleteers, Hawkers, Printers* and *their Devils*, have agreed to Guard the Doors on the Land Side, from the rude approach of *Catchpoles*, and other unhallowed Perſecutors of unfortunate Authors.

N. B. Notwithſtanding the great Preparations making by the *Neutral Bards* to haſten the Reſtoration of Peace in *Parnaſſus*, 'tis thought the Parties are ſo obſtinately Diſcordant, that the *Congreſs* will prove vain and ineffectual. We ſee daily ſome Vengeful Piece publiſhed and diſperſed threatning nothing but *Bella, Horida Bella.*

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, July 9.

Since our laſt arrived the Mails from Holland and France, and two from Flanders.

BY the firſt of which, we have Letters from Copenhagen of the 6th Inſtant, importing, That the Reſult of the ſeveral Councils held in his Majeſty's Preſence on the Subject of the Commerce of the Altona Company, contains in Subſtance, "That "the

" the Eſtabliſhment being the ſame which has ſub-
" ſiſted in the ſaid City of Copenhagen upwards
" of 100 Years, his Majeſty has Reaſon to be aſto-
" niſhed that any Umbrage ſhould be taken at it;
" That he gave his Conſent that this Affair ſhould
" be laid before the Congreſs at Soiſſons, to ſhew
" his Allies, that he is not afraid to have even
" them for his Judges,"

Mean-time the Hollanders ſeem more and more concerned at the Eſtabliſhment of this Commerce, &c. Some Letters from the Hague adviſe, That an Order was affix'd throughout his Britannick Majeſty's German Dominions, forbidding his Subjects there to have any Concern with the Altena Company, upon Pain of forfeiting four times the Sum they lay out on ſuch Stock.

The Advices from Oſtend relate, That a third Veſſel, beſides the 2 formerly mentioned, was fitting out there; where Mr. Proly, one of the Directors of the Company, was arrived from Soiſſons. Whence 'tis ſaid Count Zinzendorf, Firſt Plenipotentiary of the Emperor, communicated (before he ſet out thence, which was on the 7th Inſt.) to the Plenipotentiaries of the States General, an Anſwer to their Memorial containing their High Mightineſſes Demands. But whether the ſame was agreeable, we cannot ſay. Mean while the Conferences are adjourned for ſome Days. And ſome Accounts make the Iſſue of the Congreſs to be very uncertain.

The Indignity offered by the Duke of Parma to the Crown of G. Britain in his Reception of the Pretender, is talk'd of in moſt of Converſations: And 'tis thought he was moved to it by a certain Court, which appears not very favourably diſpoſed at preſent to finiſh the important Work of a general Peace. And we are told there are ſome private Letters from Paris, which go ſo far as to ſay, they begin to talk afreſh of War.

Yeſterday the Lord Viſcount Torington came to Town from his Country Seat, and is ſince gone to Hampton Court.

The Dover and Roſe Men of War are ordered to cruize againſt the Sallee Rovers.

They write from Fochabris in Scotland, That a terrible Clap of Thunder, &c. [as in this Newspaper laſt Week.

Letters this Poſt from Dublin relate, That on the 30th paſt Mr. Matthew Porter, an Attorney, waſhing himſelf at Clantarf, was ſeized after he came out of the Water with a Fit of Coughing and a Bleeding at the Noſe, of which he inſtantly died. And that on the 2d Inſt. died Alderman John Stoit one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for that City.

The Encouragement given by the late Act of Parliament to our Sailors, is highly applauded at Home, and we think, cannot but be much taken notice of Abroad; becauſe, as we lately hinted, our Navy may upon that Account, be ſpeedily mann'd. 'Tis ſaid 800,000 l. is ordered by the Lords of the Treaſury for the Payment of the Seamens Wages, according to the foreſaid Act.

P. S. Four Men of War are fitting out with all Expedition to carry the uſual Preſents to the new King of Morocco, in order to renew the Truce with him.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, July 9.

Hamburg, July 9. My Lord Glenorchy is ſet out for Shefwick, to wait on the King of Denmark. The Magiſtrates of this City have deſired the Court of Great Britain to intercede with that of Spain, to the End that the Quarentaine which all Ships coming from the North, are under for 20 Days, may be taken off, as a Thing of no Service, and very prejudicial to Trade.

London, July 9. The Men of War going to cruize on the Sallee Rovers, are the Dover of 604 Tons, 190 Men and 40 Guns, Capt. Matthew Conſet; the Deal Caſtle of 375 Tons, 130 Men, and 20 Guns, Captain Samuel Mead; and the Roſe of 377 Tons, 130 Men and 20 Guns, Captain John Weller Commander. The Gibraltar and the Blanford, two 20 Gun Ships, and the Pool Fireſhip are already in thoſe Parts, and will have Orders to look after the Barbarians.

From the London Evening Poſt, July 9.

Hague, June 16. Our private Letters from Paris agree, That ſince ſome of the Plenipotentiaries are returned thither, they begin to talk much of War: They add, That his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had not only reſolved to continue the preſent Number of his Forces, but has adviſed the Allies of Hanover to do the like, the Iſſue of the Congreſs being ſomewhat uncertain. Some talk of its being to be removed to St. Germains en laye.

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The Discourse of Cardinal Alberoni's having embarked for Spain is now contradicted, and some will have it that he is gone to the Court of Vienna.

St. Christophers, May 13. We are daily interrupted by Spanish Sloops who have lately taken 16 Sloops, one Ship, and a Brigantine, the two latter supposed to belong to Boston.

From the Evening Post, July 4.

Bologna, June 26. Great Rejoicings were made at the Court of the Chevalier de St. George, upon the Anniversary of his Birth, when he entred the 41st Year of his Age, particularly at his Pleasure House at Biaco, whither he went in the Evening, and had a Conference of three Hours with the Duke of Inverness, as he is stiled here, at the Conclusion of which the latter set out for Faenza.

S. S. Stock, 103, 3 4ths, &c.

Edinburgh, July 15. Last Week the Proclamation requiring all Ships from the Levant, &c. to perform Quarentaine, was read over the Cross.

This Day comes on before the Rt. Honourable the Lords of Justiciary, the Trial of James Carnegy of Finhaven, Esq; who stands charged with the Murder of the late truly Noble Earl of Strathmore.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

By Order of the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly-Insurance against Losses by Fire.

These are to advertise all the Members of the Society to meet at Edinburgh on Monday the 29th of July Instant, at 10 a-clock before Noon, in Mary's chapel, in order to the Renewing of their Bonds, in consequence of the Clause of the Act pass'd last Session of Parliament in favours of the Society, and other Affairs of Importance: And therefore, the Presence of all concerned is necessary.

THO. ELIOT Secretary.

¶¶ That upon Friday the 19th July Instant at three a-clock Afternoon, there is to be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, a Quantity of Oats, a Stack of Pease, with a Stone Cart, Sledges, Leadder, and Corn Forks, all at Canaan in the Parish of St. Cuthberts, alias Westkirk; as also a Quantity of Meal and Groats at Braids Mill, Parish forsaid.

¶¶¶ That the Roup and Sale of of the Towns and Lands of North and South CADDELS, and others with the Pertinents, lying within the Parish of Halkirk and Sheriffdom of Caithness, sometime pertaining to Richard Murray Merchant in Leith formerly advertised to be roup'd and sold by the Trustees for the Creditors of the said Richard Murray, upon the 4th Day of July Instant, is now adjourned to Thursday the 7th Day of November next to come, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, within John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh. The Progress of Writs, Rental and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Charles Farquharson Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber in the 4th Storey of Gavinlock's Land on the North Side of the Street opposite to the Tolbooth.

†¶† That the Parks of Nisbet, containing about Three Plough-gang of Land, inclosed and divided by a stone and Lime Dike, with a good Dwellinghouse two stories high, and convenient Officehouses for a Farmer; As also, Four Plough-gang of Land not inclosed, having good Onsteads and proper Officehouses; all belonging to Sir Hary Nisbet of Dean, and within a Mile of Edinburgh: Are immediately to be set in Tack to 2 or 3 different Tenants for the ensuing Cropt 1729, at a reasonable Rent, and for such Space as can be best agreed on. The Rental and Conditions of the Tacks to be seen in the Hands of Archibald Stuart Writer to the signet, opposite to the Tolbooth: And any Tenant enquiring for Robert Henderson, Grieve at Dean, will be attended by him in viewing the Ground.

N.B. The above Plough-gangs of Land, for these 4 or 5 Cropts past, have been in the Hands of Sir John Nisbet of Dean, deceast, and were by him brought into perfect good Order for Tenantry. There are several Houses and Yards also to be set at Dean.

*** That the Lands and Houses belonging to Thomas Veitch Surgeon in Edinburgh, and disponed by him to Trustees for Behoof of his Creditors, are to be exposed to Sale by the said Trustees, by way of voluntar Roup, together or in Parcels, TOMORROW the 16th July Inst, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. Any Person having a mind to purchase, may see the Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale in the Hands of James Veitch, at William Veitch's Writing-chamber at Don's Close-head.

¶¶¶ The Stage Coaches betwixt Edinburgh and Leith being to be set a-going again; Any Gentleman or others who have Black or Bay stonn'd Horses or Geldings to be sold, fit for that Purpose, are desir'd to give Notice by a Letter, directed to the Undertakers at their Offices either at Edinburgh or Leith, (mentioning their Age and Size) betwixt and the 22d July Instant.

§†§ By Order of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, there is to be exposed to Sale at Leith, on Wednesday the 17th July next, five Parcels of Excisable Goods and Tobacco, condemned in the Court of Exchequer in Whitsunday Term last. The particular List of Goods and the Goods themselves to be seen at the Customhouse, in Customhouse Hours the Day immediately before the Sale, and are to be sold between twelve and one the Day of the Sale. There is likewise a Parcel of India Silks condemned in the same Term, to be exposed to Sale for Exportation and to be seen as before.

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